(f) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the action taken in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH):(a) to (f). The Scheme of Shramik Vidyapeeth seeks to impart skills to workers in the organised as wall as unorganised sectors. The Scheme is a polyvalent approach to education. Besides improving the occupational skills and technical knowledge of the workers and their family members through programmes of vocational and technical training, the programme intends to enrich the personal life of the workers through vertical mobility in their professions and widening the range of their knowledge and understanding of the social, economic and political realities of life. There are as many as 197 courses of long and short duration conducted by different Shramik Vidyapeeths, The prominent courses among them include drawing and painting, embroidery, dress making, sewing, repair and maintenance of vehicles, electricals and electronics, photography and computer.

2. The category of persons benefitted are workers-men and women in organised as well as unorganised sectors and their dependants who are illiterate or semi-literate, unskilled or semi-skilled, often in a state of transition from rural and tribal areas to urban, semi-urban and industrial life setting. Priority is given to women/Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes.

3. There is no restriction on the ground of income. About 90% beneficiaries, are however, workers from the weaker section. Central grants to the Shramik Vidyapeeths are provided for meeting salary and allowances of their staff, purchase of furniture, Office equipment and vehicles. They are required to mobilise resources to improve infrastructure and create facilities.

[*Translation*]

Reservation Facilities in Hilly Areas Of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra

1870. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide rail-cum-road reservation facilities in some cities in hilly areas of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTERS OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a). No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fund for Construction of Primary School Buildings

1871. Dr. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allocate funds to the States for the construction of Primary School buildings during the current year;

(b) if so, when will the funds be made available to the States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a). Central Government meets forty eight percent share of the cost for construction of class rooms in primary schools cov-